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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MICHEL LADANG ET AL : EXAMINER: GOFF II, J. L.
SERIAL NO: 09/580,874 :
FILED: MAY 30, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1733
FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING A :
CROSSLINKED POLYOLEFIN
FOAM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the final rejection of December 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 10 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

C/SUB D7
10. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a sheet of a crosslinked polyolefin foam expanded in an essentially unidirectional expansion only in its thickness, comprising surface-crosslinking only one or both faces of an intermediate polyolefin sheet to be expanded, these faces being perpendicular to the direction of expansion, and expanding and crosslinking the so formed sheet only in its thickness.